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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 30 17 974 A (STEYR DAIMLER PUCH AG) 26 November 1981 (1981-11-26)

1. Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A ventilation device for (i.e. suitable for) the inside of the glass pane (1) of a window (1) of a door or side of a motor vehicle, wherein, immediately below the window (1), the door or side (1D) is provided with an internal trim panel (4), the ventilation device comprising

a substantially tubular air channel (2) which extends along the glass pane (1) in proximity to the lower edge of the window (1a), and which is provided with an air outflow aperture (between 3 and 4) facing the glass pane (1A);
said aperture (between 3 and 4) having a lower edge (where 3 is connected to 1A) coupled in a sealed manner to the glass pane (1A), and an upper edge (where 4 meets 1) coupled to the glass pane (1) in such a way as to allow air to flow from the channel (2) towards (through apertures 6) the glass pane (1);

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known ventilation device in that the ventilation device being characterised in that said air channel is formed integrally in the upper end portion of said internal trim panel.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as to provide a ventilation device which can be easier assembled than the ventilation device of the prior art.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

None of the prior art cited in the search report show or indicate the above difference.

2. Claims 2-11 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.